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1. IN A MEETING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE MBFR DIRECTOR RUECKRIEGEL ON JUNE 10, WE DREW FULLY ON THE US VIEWS CONTAINED REF A TOGETHER WITH THE ARGUMENTS CONTAINED PARAS 13-14 REF B.
2. FOLLOWING EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION, RUECKRIEGEL RESPONDED THAT HE WELL UNDERSTOOD THE US POSITION ON THE NEED FOR NATIONAL TOTALS, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE FRG DATA PROPOSAL HAD BEEN APPROVED AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. RUECKRIEGEL CONTINUED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO VENTURE A GUESS WHETHER GENSCHER WOULD RECONSIDER HIS
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POSITION. RUECKRIEGEL SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE FRG NATO DELEGATION TO AVOID RAISING ANY FALSE HOPES ABOUT WHAT THE MINISTER MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT DO.

3. RUECKRIEGEL SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING A NEW IDEA WHICH MOVED PART WAY TOWARD THE US POSITION. HIS IDEA WAS TO PROVIDE NATIONAL DESIGNATIONS FOR "OTHER PERSONNEL" BUT

INCLUDE A LUMP SUM TOTAL FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF PERSONNEL WHO NUMBER SOME 3000. COMMENT: RUECKRIEGEL DID NOT MAKE IT CLEAR WHETHER THIS WAS HIS OWN IDEA OR WHETHER IT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH RUTH.

4. RUECKRIEGEL DID NOT ANTICIPATE MUCH PROGRESS AT THE JUNE 13 SPC MEETING. HE SAID THE FRG DELEGATION WOULD BE TASKED WITH TRYING TO DEFINE AREAS OF AGREEMENT, E.G. DESIGNATION OF MAJOR UNITS BY NATIONALITY, AMONG THE ALLIES. ALSO, THE FRG WOULD ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY THE IS DATA PAPER WHICH PROVIDED A GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN WITH WHICH THE FRG DID NOT AGREE.

5. COMMENT: IT SEEMED CLEAR FROM TODAY'S CONVERSATION THAT WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS SUCH AS RUECKRIEGEL ARE SYMPATHETIC TO THE LOGIC OF THE US ARGUMENT AND ARE ACTIVELY SEEKING WAYS TO MOVE TOWARD THE US POSITION. HOWEVER, SENIOR FRG OFFICIALS PERCEIVE THE TABLING OF NATIONAL FIGURES AS A POLITICAL PROBLEM WHICH, ONCE ADVANCED IN VIENNA AND REGARDLESS OF ANY DISCLAIMER, COULD COME BACK TO HAUNT THE FRG.
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